

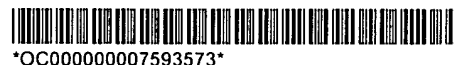
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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- The oath or declaration is missing.  
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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.**

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Date: March 25, 2002

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Washington, D.C. 20231The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application:☒ Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application alone, OR☐ Signed Declaration plus attached copy of originally filed specification/drawings.☒ **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED** form.☒ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:**Application Number****Country****Day/Month/Year Filed**

9912842.3

Great Britain

2 June 1999

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respectively.

☒ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee.☐ Also attached: ☐ **Information Disclosure Statement**; ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission**; ☐ **Other**:**Fees due are calculated below:**

Basic filing fee				\$	740.00
Total Effective claims	19	- 20 =	0	x \$	18.00
				\$	0.00
Independent claims	1	- 3 =	0	x \$	84.00
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Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months; \$1440.00/4 months)	\$	0.00
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English translation of specification and claims (\$130.00)	\$	0.00

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